



Memorandum

**Planning Division
Community & Economic Development Department**

To: Planning Commission

From: Elizabeth Reining, Principal Planner

Date: April 7, 2011

Re: Environmental Performance Standards regarding Noise

Attached is a draft version of an expanded Environmental Performance Standards section of the Zoning Ordinance (21A.36.180). The purpose of the amended ordinance is to help prevent future noise conflicts between certain non-residential and residential uses.

The proposed amendment would require some new non-residential uses that are located within 300 feet of a residence to get review from the Salt Lake Valley Health Department to make sure the proposed use will meet Health Department noise pollution standards. Review would go into effect if the proposed use operates between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Affected uses include, but are not limited to, clubs, taverns, brewpubs, performance arts facilities and amphitheaters, etc. (A complete list of affected uses is found in the draft ordinance attached to this memorandum.) If those same affected uses directly abut a residence, a professional acoustical engineer study must be submitted to show the use will meet Health Department standards.

Attached is a draft version of the ordinance for your review. On April 13, staff will brief the Planning Commission on the proposed ordinance. The goal of the briefing is to identify key issues and obtain direction from the Commission on the proposed regulations.

After the briefing, staff will incorporate comments from the Planning Commission and other groups sought during the public comment period and bring the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation that will be forwarded to the City Council.